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Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Club

Constitution & By-laws

Article I.- Name

The name of this organization shall be the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Club.

Article II.- Objects

The objects of this club shall be to promote social and fraternal relations among the working ornithologists and mammalogists of the Pacific Northwest; to promote interest in the scientific study of birds and mammals within the region mentioned; and to maintain such agencies, whether of club-house, museum, library or bulletin, as appear necessary and desirable to those ends.

Article III.- Membership

Sec. 1.- The membership of the club shall be limited to active members only.

Sec. 2.- Persons interested in the study of birds and mammals, and not less than sixteen years of age, shall be eligible to active membership.

Sec. 3.- All applications for membership shall be first submitted to a membership committee, and subject to its unanimous approval.

Sec. 4.- A two-thirds vote by ballot of the members present at a regular meeting shall be necessary to elect an applicant to active membership.

Sec. 5.- Every application for membership shall be accompanied by the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) as dues for the calendar year, in consideration of which the member shall be entitled to all publications of the club for such calendar year, and to all the benefits accruing to active members of the club.

Article IV.- Officers

Sec. 1.- Officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, whose duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

Sec. 2.- Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the club.

Article V.- Elections

Sec. 1.- The nominations for officers shall be made at the last meeting of the year.

Sec. 2.- The election of officers shall occur at the regular meeting in January in each year, and the term of office shall begin immediately after election and extend until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3.- The election of all officers shall be separately and by ballot, a majority vote of the members present being necessary for election.

Article VI.- Meetings

Sec. 1.- The regular meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Sec. 2.- Special meetings may be called by the President as deemed expedient, except for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3.- Seven active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting of the club.

Sec. 4.- An open meeting for the public may be arranged by the officers of the club, subject to the approval of the members at a regular meeting.

Article VII.- Resignations and Expulsions.

Sec. 1.- All resignations shall be in writing addressed to the Secretary of the club and may be accepted by a majority of those present at the next regular meeting, provided all dues and assessments of such resigning member shall be paid to the date of filing resignation.

Sec. 2.- Any member may be expelled from the club on satisfactory evidence that such member is an improper person to be connected with the club. The charge against such member must be by written recommendation to the Secretary and signed by at least two members in good standing. The Secretary shall refer said written recommendation to the membership committee for their investigation and they shall submit their report to him within thirty days. The charges, if substantiated, shall be introduced at the next regular meeting of the club. Upon the introduction of such report, the Secretary shall at once notify the member of same, and transmit a copy thereof to him, and the member shall be allowed to be present at the next regular meeting and to present such evidence in rebuttal as he may have. After such evidence has been presented, the President of the club shall submit the question to the members and a two-thirds vote by ballot shall be necessary to pass such motion for expulsion.

Article VIII.- Powers Defined

Sec. 1.- Whenever any public or other institution shall present a request to this club for its cooperation or supervision in connection with the establishment and maintenance of any museum or other enterprise looking to the promotion of ornithological or mammalogical study and research, then this club shall be empowered to undertake such cooperation or supervision on approval by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Article IX.- Finances

Sec. 1.- The dues of an active member shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per annum, payable to the Treasurer in January of each year.

Sec. 2.- Life members shall pay the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) in full of all dues.

Sec. 3.- All bills for current expenses of the club shall be paid by the Treasurer of the club out of the general fund, after said bills have been approved by a majority of members present at a regular meeting.

Sec. 4.- Any active member of the club who shall fail to pay any dues charged against him within four months after being notified of his delinquency, may be subject to suspension from the club.

Article X.- Scientific Publications

Sec. 1.- The club shall have the power to publish any reports, proceedings, memoirs or other works as may be authorized at any regular meeting of the club.

Sec. 2.- All publications of the club shall be mailed to all members in good standing.

Article XI.- Amendments

Sec. 1.- This constitution may be amended at the pleasure of the club; such amendments shall be in writing and must be proposed at a regular meeting of the club, action to be taken at the next regular meeting. Amendments must be passed by a majority vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

Sec. 1.- Such committees as may be deemed necessary by the officers of the club shall be appointed by the President.

Sec. 2.- The Order of Business shall be as follows:

- Secretary's Report of the last meeting
- Reports of Committees
- Presentation of bills
- New business
- Program of the evening
- Adjournment.